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Timely Tidbits ...

Public Invited to DPW "Open House"

The City of Romulus is inviting the public to attend an Open House commemorating the dedication of its new Department of Public Works building. The celebration will be held at the DPW (12600 Wayne Road) on Friday, May 18, from 3 to 7 p.m.

The event will feature tours of the facility, equipment demonstrations, and displays, as well as refreshments and attractions such as a "moon walk" for kids. Music will be provided by the Romulus Middle School Symphonic Band.

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Cruise Night will begin at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month between May 15 and the end of September.

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Make a Clean Sweep

The City of Romulus is looking for volunteers for Clean Sweep 2001, the annual spring cleanup event that will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12.

Workers are asked to meet in the parking lot at City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) to choose their cleanup area and pick up supplies such as trash bags and gloves.

All participants will be treated to lunch at Romulus High School, then invited to stick around for free rides, games, and other attractions at the annual Family Fun & Awareness Day program that's being sponsored by the Mayor's Drug Task Force.

For more info, or to get involved, call 734-942-7571. □

Basham Announces Bid for State Senate

State Representative Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor) has announced that he will run for State Senate in 2002. Basham will be trying to fill the 7th District seat being vacated by current State Senator Chris Dingell, who is ineligible to run again due to Michigan's term-limits law.

"As an elected official, I have always considered myself an advocate for the people," stated Basham. "It has been an honor to serve the residents of the Downriver area in the Michigan Legislature, and I hope to continue the good work we have been doing. During my tenure in the House, I have worked on many issues important to area families, but there is much work left to do."

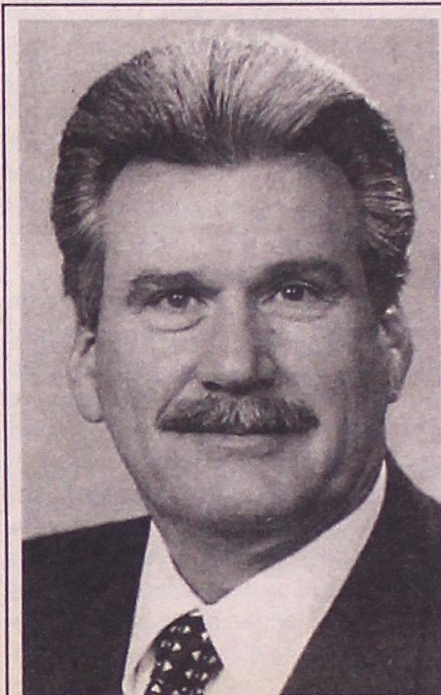
Basham said that his focus in the Legislature has been improving the quality of life for Downriver families and strengthening services in their communities. He is especially proud of his fight against deep-injection wells for hazardous waste.

"Clean water and air concerns continue to pose a serious threat to our quality of life in the Downriver communities," he stated. "Whether it is the proposed commercial hazardous-waste injection well, the repeated releases of toxic substances into our water and air, or the increased Canadian trash coming into our landfills, I will continue to fight tirelessly to protect the health and well-being of our families."

Regarding what he calls "quality of life" issues, Basham said that he has worked to:

- make affordable prescription-drug coverage available to senior citizens so that they do not have to choose between buying groceries and filling prescriptions.
- improve public education by increasing the accountability placed upon students, teachers, and parents.
- expand in-home health-care services so that senior citizens can live independently in their own homes.
- improve the quality of care and services in Michigan nursing homes.
- ensure greater access and funding for all students in technical and vocational training programs at community colleges so that they can prepare for high-tech, high-skill jobs.
- secure better regulations and increase railroad grade separation funding to address serious transportation and safety problems caused by blocked railroad crossings in our communities.

"The future success of our schools, the strength of the economy, and the quality of our air and water depend on the ability of legislators to work across party lines to build consensus rather than separate and divide," Basham said. "In my time in the House, I have worked with my colleagues on the common concerns that unite us."

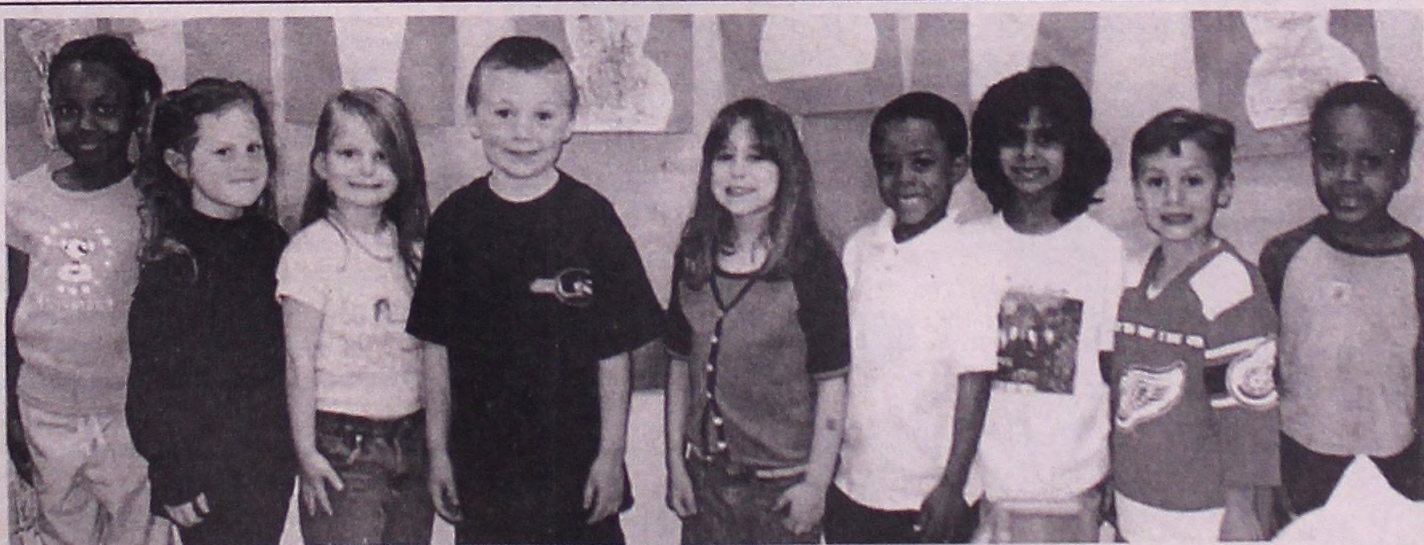


Raymond E. Basham

Although the exact boundaries of the soon-to-be-reapportioned 7th District are not yet known, Basham believes that he will be well qualified to represent its people.

"I think it is safe to say that it will contain a significant portion of the Downriver region, where I have lived for more than 30 years," he explained. "I know the people, I know their concerns, and I will fight for a better quality of life for each and every one of them."

District Will Give Kindergartners Alternatives



Parents of children entering kindergarten in Romulus this fall will be able to choose between a traditional half-day/every-day schedule or an all-day/every-day schedule like the one enjoyed this year by pilot-program participants (from left) Ashley Robinson, Destiny Terry, Jacqueline Kamin, Ryan Wojtylko, Keri Chafins, Kenneth Williams, Rabia Sheikha, Ramon Hollis, and Sierra Straughter. (For story, see page 5.)

Letter to the Editor

Athletes' Accomplishments Praised

To the Editor:

I would like to inform everyone about the great season enjoyed by the Romulus Recreation Department's Indoor Track Team/Split Second Track Team.

This year, Romulus had its first Track & Field All-American in Ray Graves, a senior at Romulus High School. Even though his best leap of 23'2" was good enough to tie the leader, Graves earned a silver medal instead of gold because ties are resolved by comparing the contestants' second-longest jumps.

Other national qualifiers were Joey Wasson (who qualified in both the long jump and the 60-meter high hurdles) and Fred Harbor and Chris Middlebrooks (who, along with Wasson and Graves, teamed up for the 800-meter relay).

For some strange reason, the Michigan Indoor State Meet, put on by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association, was held after the National Meet. At the State Meet, Graves secured his claim as one of the best long-jumpers in the country by finishing second, posting a distance of 22'6". Graves also joined Wasson, Harbor, and Middlebrooks to end up fourth in the 800-meter relay, finishing in a time of 1:34.8. Jerome Roeper and Wasson were slated to compete in the 60-meter high hurdles, but false-started and were later dis-

qualified. Wasson was one of the favorites to win, running an impressive time of 8.35 seconds. On the girls' side, Tiffany McFarland, another Romulus High School student, ran the 60-meter high hurdles in 8.80 seconds – the second-fastest time for a freshman in state history. (The fastest time – 8.70 – was turned in by Tiarra Jones of Cass Tech in Detroit.)

The Split Second Track Club of Romulus had a membership of approximately 60 kids ranging in age from four to eighteen. The group got a lot of compliments from the rest of the state's running community.

The coaching staff and the Romulus Recreation Department would like to thank all the kids and parents who were involved in this very successful track season.

Sincerely,
Carl Lowe

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Kids' Artwork Exhibited at Wendy's



Sheila Harris Bryant, Store Manager for Wendy's on Middlebelt Road, holds up one of the 60 pieces of student art that were recently on display in her restaurant. Romulus students' art was also exhibited at two other Wendy's locations as well as at City Hall.

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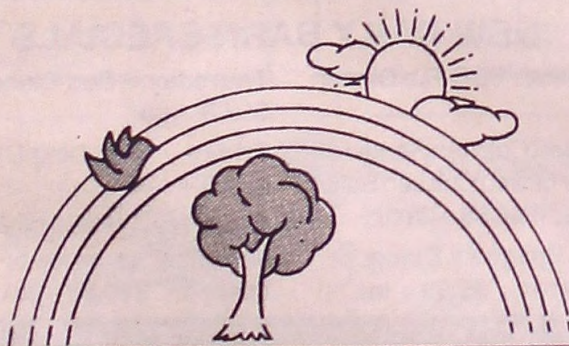
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Guest Commentary

Plan for Education Boards Is Unnecessary

By Paul Massaron, member, Board of Governors, Wayne State University

Michigan citizens should fight to keep their state constitutional right to elect all the members of their state board of education and the governing boards of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University.

Governor John Engler, in his 2001 "State of the State" address, slipped in a proposal to amend our constitution to give his successors the power to add seven appointees to the eight members of each of these boards that are elected by the voters.

The Governor's proposal is a solution in search of a problem!

The present process works. It focuses attention on — and fosters healthy debate about — the role of public education and higher education in Michigan's future. Popular election of board members provides some accountability directly to the voters, and the biannual election of two members of each eight-member board assures some stability, despite the ebb and flow of Lansing politics.

Engler's proposal was almost an afterthought, woven into his discussion of another proposed constitutional amendment to end the people's right to elect Supreme Court justices.

The Governor offered an ambiguous pseudo-public policy rationale; indicated his mistrust of the democratic process; and referred to unnamed, but extraordinarily talented, individuals who would serve on education boards if they just did not have to sully themselves by contact with voters.

In November 2000, I was honored to win in the statewide election for the Wayne State Board of Governors. Not only did I have to get the Michigan Democratic Party nomination, but I also had to travel around the state, talking to real people. The experience renewed my faith in the democratic process.

As I appeared before community groups, students, senior citizens, non-partisan forums, editorial boards, and others, I was deeply impressed with how much people knew about Wayne State, the importance of higher education to their own — and their children's — future, and how much they cared about its availability, quality, and cost.

Don't be fooled: ordinary citizens around our state know a great deal and they helped educate me as a candidate. The issues they raised with me helped shape the initiatives I am taking as a new member of the Wayne State Board of Governors.

Governor Engler based his proposal for appointed education board positions on the notion that there are individuals somewhere in Michigan who, in his words, are "highly qualified" and could make "outstanding contributions." He's right; and for these boards, voters vote for them at election time.

Michigan is fortunate to have three great nationally recognized universities that are uniquely independent of the other structures of government. Each of these universities has an effective president who was chosen by an elected governing board and is working hard to advance the future of our state's higher education system.

History shows that, for the most part, Michigan's independently elected education boards have been composed of capable and conscientious people who gave their time with no compensation, got very little credit for what they accomplished, and were effective stewards of these institutions. Moreover, most prior board members have set aside party affiliation to work together as advocates for whichever institution the individual was elected to represent.

Public education boards do not need "talented" individuals who do not want to get their hands dirty by participating in the political process, or do not have the time to meet citizens, reveal their views, and test their proposals in the marketplace of ideas that is the foundation of our democratic system. Contrary to the Governor, I do not think Michigan citizens benefit from giving up the public education institutions they support and finance to such elite individuals.

Moreover, university boards do not need people too timid to put their names on the ballot, expose their qualifications and their ideas to public review, and risk losing an election. Harry Truman used to say, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Michigan's constitution should not be amended to pack our state education boards with appointees.

The present system has served citizens well for more than 50 years. The Governor's latest proposal is unwise and unnecessary. There is nothing to fix!

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals and spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, free of charge, anytime. □

The Mayor's Chair

Ribbon-cutting Officially Opens Northline



Numerous City officials and other dignitaries took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony that officially opened Northline Road.

By Mayor William M. Oakley, City of Romulus

The City of Romulus opened Northline Road with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, April 12, 2001, heralding a period of new business expansion created by the project.

Among the officials who joined me for the event were Gregory Rossine, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT); former MDOT director James DeSana; State Representative Raymond Basham; Mayor Gregory Pitoniak, City of Taylor; and Romulus City Council members Randolph Gear, William Crova, Donald Morris, and William Crova. Other dignitar-

ies who were in attendance included my assistant, David Cox; David Paul, DPW Director; Richard Marsh, Director of Community Development; and Larry Williams, President of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

The road project officially began in September of 1998, when my administration applied for a \$2-million grant from the MDOT Economic Development Fund. The fund exists to assist in road construction that will bring new jobs to the area.

A detailed report, including the expansion plans of each business along Northline Road, was included in the application. □

Dinner/Mystery Theater Was Big Hit

By David Cox, Assistant to Romulus Mayor William M. Oakley

The City of Romulus and the Romulus Arts Council scored a big hit last month with their production of a dinner/mystery theater played out at the DoubleTree Hotel in Romulus. Over 290 people attended the event, which included an excellent buffet-style dinner surrounding a center stage where the elements of a vaudeville-era mystery unfolded. The mystery was a well-performed story of three women searching for a career in Hollywood. By the crowd's reaction, all of them should make it.

Audience members were included in the skit as singers and investigators, with each wearing a tag to identify his/her "detective name." Mayor William M. Oakley, who attended the event with wife Mary Oakley, played the role of fictional private-eye Sam Spade.

The program was the second offering of new and different enter-

tainment venues developed by the City of Romulus and the Romulus Arts Council. Last year, an equally popular "Opera Night" was also performed at the DoubleTree, and won rave reviews from attendees, many of whom also attended last month's mystery theater.

"We are trying to bring Romulus residents the type of entertainment that's usually available only by driving, or even flying, many miles away," said Richard J. Marsh, Jr., the City's Director of Community Development, who orchestrated the planning of the event at the direction of Mayor Oakley. "These actors are well-known players in the circuit, and for good reason: they do a great job."

The cost of this evening of entertainment - \$25 - was seen as very reasonable by theater patrons.

"I was impressed; they were very, very good," said Terry Hermanau, who attended the program along with coworkers. □

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District Offers All-day K'garten

The Romulus Board of Education has approved a proposal to offer *both* half-day/every-day and all-day/every-day kindergarten classes at each of its six elementary schools for the 2001-2002 school year.

Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, said that the Board's decision was based on surveys filled out by parents who attended the district's Kindergarten Roundup registration program, held February 28.

"A significant portion of the parents expressed a preference for the all-day program, and we are happy to accommodate them," he stated.

According to Carr, the district has already gained a good deal of practical experience in implementing all-day/every-day classes thanks to a pilot pro-

gram that is currently underway for students in the Halecreek and Merriman attendance areas.

"Our pilot program has been a big success," said Carr. "Both the children and their parents have given it their overwhelming approval."

Carr would like to remind the parents of this fall's kindergartners that they should register their child right away if they have not already done so — especially if they want to choose the new class format.

"The all-day program will be available on a first-come/first-served basis," he explained.

To register, parents should call their neighborhood elementary any school day between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. □

RHS Presents *The Matchmaker*

The Romulus High School Drama Department recently gave two performances of *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder. Drama teacher Deborah Wilson was very pleased with the performances and the large crowds that attended.

"Not only did our students put on a fine performance, but the entire atmosphere, including the audience, was very professional," said Wilson, who congratulated everyone involved.

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Wick Reading Night



Jessica Barber enjoys sharing a book with her mother, Judy, during Wick's recent Reading Night program.



Courtney Cunningham reads with Brandi King.



Desiree Kassa reads to her mom, Gwen.

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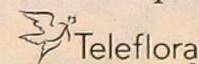


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Coaches Hand Out Awards at Annual Winter Sports Banquet

The Romulus High School Athletic Department held its annual Winter Sports Banquet at the school not long ago. Athletic Director Jesse Meriweather, who addressed the gathering, was pleased with the successful seasons enjoyed by individuals and teams.

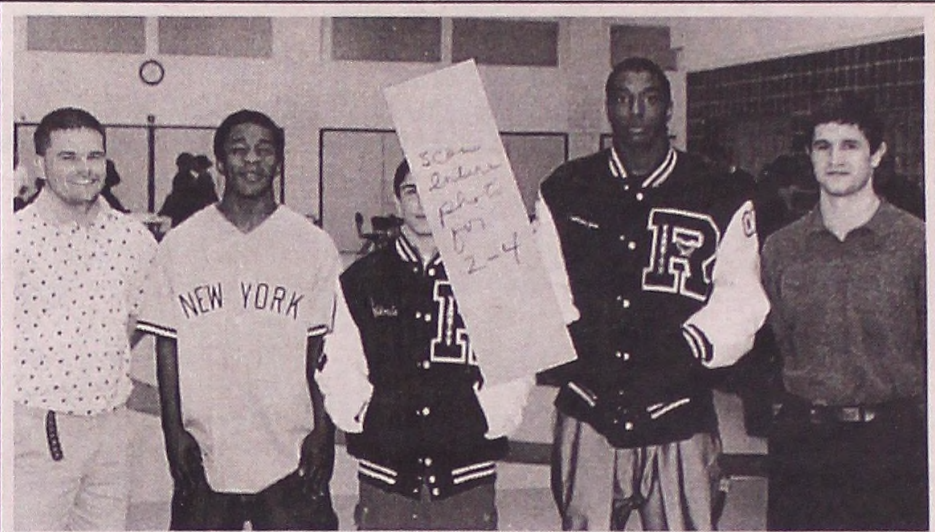
"To succeed – in sports or in most other aspects of life – a person has to have a great deal of determination and dedication," said Meriweather. "Our young athletes worked hard and practiced diligently, and they were rewarded with outstanding performances."

On the team level, Meriweather pointed to the 9–3 record and second-place finish recorded by the varsity basketball team in the tough Mega Red Division. In the area of individual performance, he praised three Romulus wrestlers whose high finishes at the State

Meet at Cobo Hall in Detroit accorded them All-State recognition: Micah Wade (third-place finish), Christopher Anderson (seventh place), and Keiuntaina Lane (eighth place). Meriweather complimented basketball players Daniel Jarrett, Deon Solomon, and Chris Talley, who received All-Conference honors.

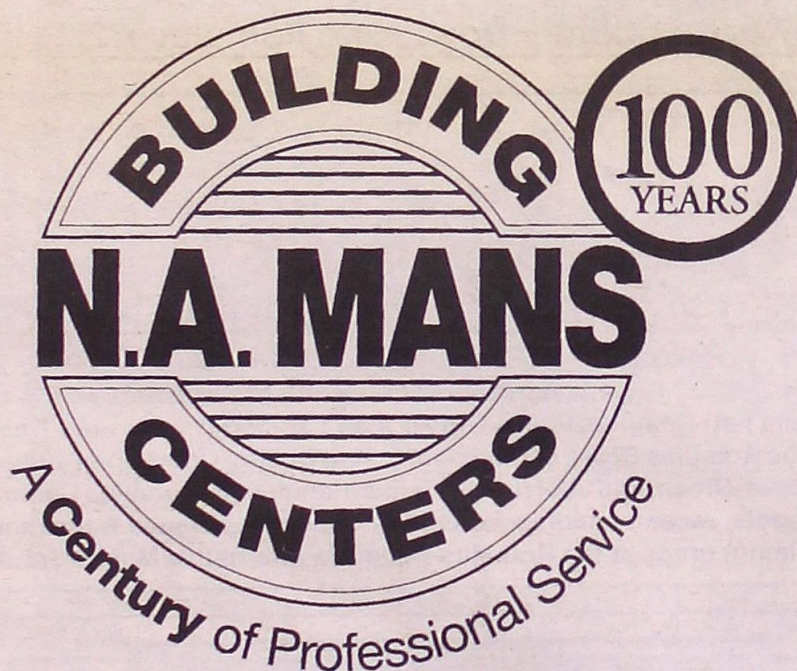
The Winter Sports Banquet also celebrated the achievements of coaches and team members from the freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity volleyball teams and the freshmen and JV basketball teams, as well as the JV and varsity cheerleaders.

The banquet is sponsored by the Romulus High School Booster Club and the High School Athletic Department, and is served by the High School's Culinary Arts Department under the direction of teacher Charles Usztics. □



Head Coach Jason Balcom (right) and Assistant Coach Dennis Anderson (left) congratulate Romulus High School's All-State wrestlers – (from left) Micah Wade, Chris Anderson, and Tai Lane – who finished third, seventh, and eighth, respectively, at the recent state meet.

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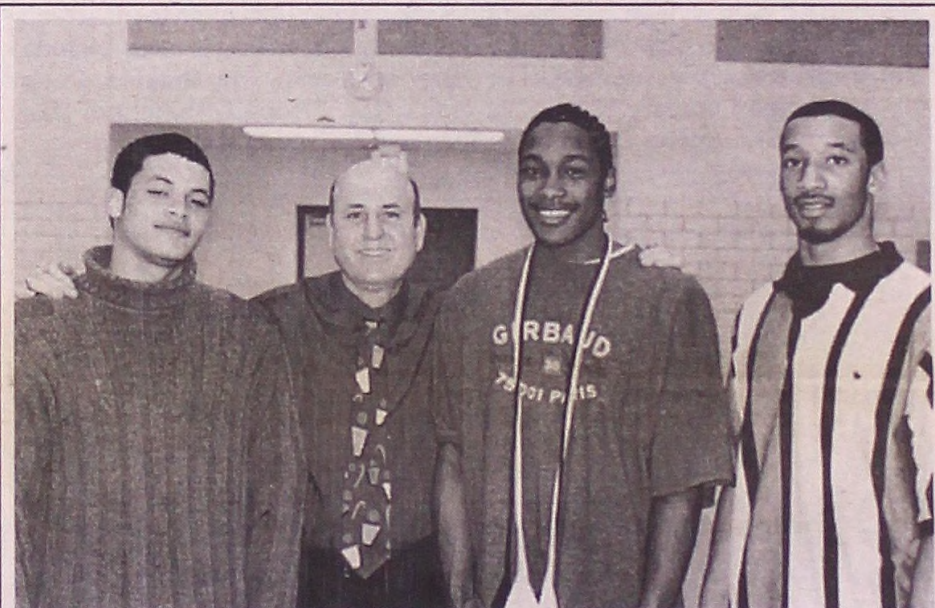


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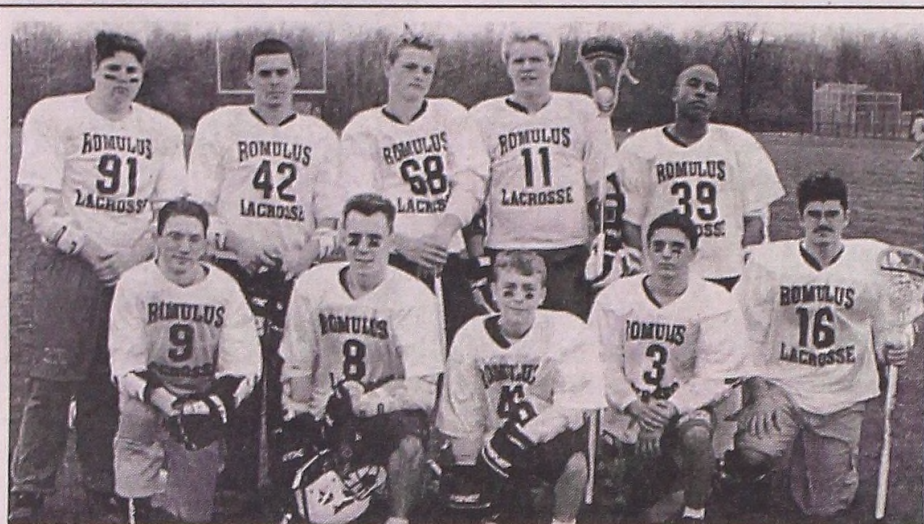


Head Coach Guy DelGiudice (second from left) is proud of Romulus High School's All-Area basketball players (from left): Deon Solomon, Daniel Jarrett, and Chris Talley.



Romulus High School volleyball stars Nicole Johnson and D'uan Dawson enjoy plaques presented by Head Coach Rebecca Merithew.

Around the District



Scoring a big hit with fans is the High School's new lacrosse team, which is drawing an average of 150+ for home matches. Teammates include (from left): front row – Jason Griggs, Brandon Malot, Tom Drayton, Chris Anderson, and Jeremy Hendricks; back row – Robert Rhinehart, Dan Patterson, Charles Smith, Andrew Blankenship, and Larry Brown.



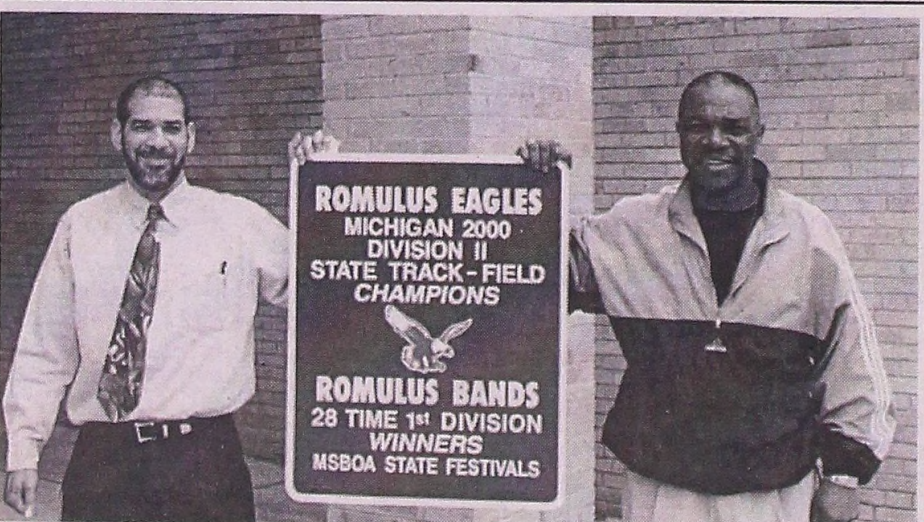
Wendy Palmer (back, left), WNBA All-Star from the Detroit Shock, and Eve Clark (back, right), Shock community-relations specialist, enjoyed their recent visit with Merriman Elementary students, including (from left) Jonathan Daugherty, Martez Lewis, Ericka Wasson, Roderick Barksdale, James Allen, and Dyonna Taplin.



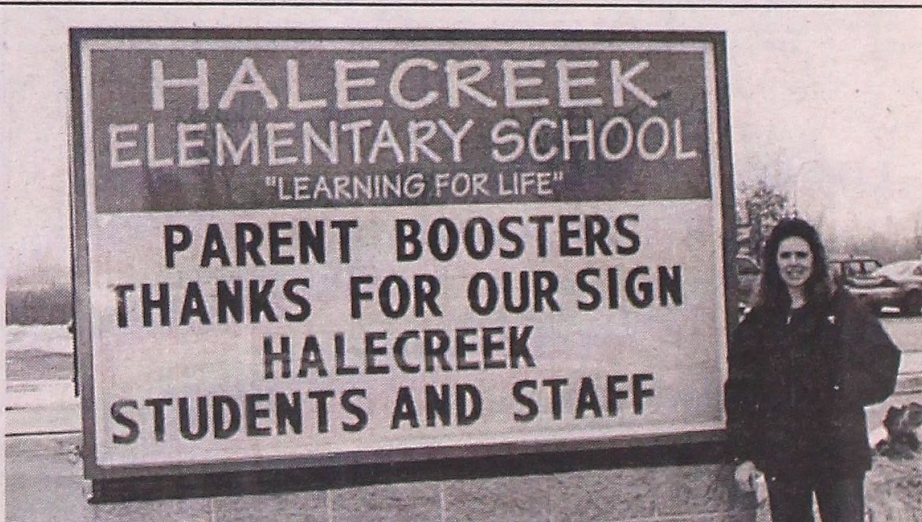
(From left) Monique Solomon, Whitney Richardson, Myleah Jones, and Lysie Allison made up Romulus Middle School's winning shuttle hurdles foursome at the recent Romulus Relays competition. The RMS girls' team placed second overall (behind Bedford) among the 16 teams competing. The RMS boys' team finished first, beating Bedford by two points.



(From left) Romulus Police Officer Alan Lambert (who is also Treasurer of the Romulus Board of Education), 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green, and Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools, recently addressed GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) grads at the Romulus-Belleville Alternative Middle School.



Romulus High School Band Director Henry James (left) and Track Coach Norbert Glover are understandably excited about their students' recent accomplishments. Signs like this one have been posted around the city limits to remind everyone of these successful district programs.



Students and staff members at Halecreek Elementary are very grateful to Parent Coordinator Sandy Mills and other members of the school's Booster Club, which recently donated the handsome new sign that now stands outside the building.

Around the District



(Front row) Phyllis Bolus and Mary Decker of the Helping Hand Thrift Shop expressed their gratitude to senior-citizen volunteer Ted Parker (far left) and the dozens of Romulus Middle School students who built and sold 50 red wagons (at \$20 each, for a total of \$1,000) to raise money for the shop.



Under the guidance of teacher Shila Brim (back, second from left) and paraprofessional Debbie Dunn (back, left), Barth Elementary fourth-grader Latisha Ware (center, in wheelchair) led her classmates in a recent fund-raising effort for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The students' "shamrock sale" garnered a total of \$461.



Among those who enjoyed the recent Family Fun Night at Halecreek Elementary School were the Gaddis family (from left): Brittany, Christy, Dan, Kara, and Chelsea.



Lea Cotham (center) is one of many High School leadership students who serve as tutors to Wick Elementary students such as Holly Atchley (left) and Marisa Porter.



(Back, from left) Florence Klein, Mary Decker, and Phyllis Bolus – all of the Helping Hand Thrift Shop in Romulus – accepted \$1,095.40 raised in a penny drive held by Merriman School students in grades K-2, including (front, from left) Carvin Williams, DeWandtez Rush, Lucas Molic, Cierra Toliver, and Mercedes Williams.



"April Students of the Month" at Cory (from left; student in front / teacher in back): Nicole Carol/Simone Miller, Shauntia Sanford/Deb Roberts, Adnan Berisha/Kathy Coryea, Kasey Hunter/Mo Brennan, Caitlynn Lefler/Felicia Norwood, Brittany Francis/Molly McGlynn, and Lawrence Pado and Larlee Cohen/Patti McCabe.

Appreciation Tea



Among those who attended a recent Parent Appreciation Tea at Halecreek Elementary were (from left) Jerry Hollis, Anna Hollis, Wendy Dubyak, and Zoe Burton.



Sandy Mills (left) and Theresa McLachlan enjoyed their tea along with this Chinese dragon, made by students for one of their school's cultural-diversity programs.



Still other participants included (from left): front row – Lorie Rogers, Julie Fountaine, and Kim Hardin; back row – Rob McLachlan, Tim Poet, and Karen Britt.

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Our school district employs Rose Exterminator Company to provide monthly pesticide applications in our food-service areas. Our custodians, at the end of the school day, may spot-treat an area with an aerosol pesticide spray.

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We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedure for pesticide applications reflects that concern.

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Donald Morris

Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations

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ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Our school district has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all our buildings. Considering the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos-containing materials found in our buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire a personal copy, please notify the Director of Maintenance and Operations at our Administrative Offices and it will be supplied to you within five working days at a cost of \$.30 per page.

Our Administrative Offices are located at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedure for dealing with this problem reflects that concern.

Please let us know if we can answer any questions concerning our Asbestos Management Plan.

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Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations

Community Calendar

- **Dinner/Discussion Puts Focus on Domestic Violence** – The 21st Century Learning Center's next "Health, Family, and You" dinner/discussion program – to be held at Wick Elementary on Wednesday, May 9 – will focus on domestic violence. Dinner (6–6:20 p.m.) will be followed by a guest speaker (6:20–6:50 p.m.) and Q & A (6:50–7 p.m.). Prizes will be raffled. To register for this free program, call 734-722-1050, ext. 273.
- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10. Featured on this installment will be entertainment by local talents Ellen Bragg and Stephanie Webb, as well as a discussion of our city's past by local historians. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 S. Wayne Rd., at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions of the Mayor's guests by calling 734-942-7571.
- **Family Health and Fun Days** – On Friday, **May 11**, the Romulus High School Health Occupations classes are sponsoring an educational program combined with a community-wide blood drive, to be conducted between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. (For an appointment, please call 734-941-2170, ext. 702). Then – from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, **May 12** – the Mayor's Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force will join the RHS health students to cosponsor a free program of fun, events, educational booths, food, and entertainment. Everyone is welcome!
- **Detroit Shock Basketball Clinic** – The Romulus Recreation Department is organizing a "Detroit Shock Basketball Clinic" for boys and girls in grades three through eight in the Romulus High School gymnasium on Saturday, May 12, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Cost (\$10 per person) includes the clinic, conducted by the Detroit Shock organization; Shock prizes and autographs; and two tickets to a 2001 Shock home opener. Deadline for registration is Thursday, May 10, at 5 p.m. For more information, please stop in at the Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins, downtown Romulus) or call 734-942-6852.
- **City Sponsors Free Dumping** – The City of Romulus is offering its residents free dumping on the following dates: Saturday, May 19 (7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.); Monday through Friday, May 21–25 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.); and Saturday, May 20 (7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.). *For that week only*, dumpsters will be located at the Department of Public Works (DPW) building (located at 12600 Wayne Road). Materials unacceptable for disposal include: tree trunks, tree limbs, or other yard waste; liquid wastes such as petroleum products, chemicals, and paint; concrete and dirt; and large items such as sheds, boats, and cars or car engines. A maximum of four tires will be accepted from each household, but they must be dumped separately from any other debris. The following rules apply: all users must be able to show proof of residency; a maximum of two loads per day may be dumped; the dumping area is entered "at your own risk"; unsupervised children are not allowed on the premises; and no commercial dumping is allowed. For more information, please call the DPW: 734-942-7579.
- **City-wide Rummage Sale** – The annual Romulus City-wide Rummage Sale will be held Thursday, May 31, through Sunday, June 3. Participants must register for their no-fee permit at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins, downtown) by Wednesday, May 16, if they wish to be included in advertisements promoting the event. Call 734-942-6852.
- **Early Registration for Flyers Football/Cheerleading** – Early registration for the Romulus Flyers football and cheerleading programs (for ages 8 to 13) will be held at the Romulus Recreation Center (located at 36515 Bibbins in the downtown area) on Friday, June 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registrants must be accompanied by an adult; must bring proof of residence and an original birth certificate; and must be prepared to pay a registration fee of \$30 for one child/\$15 for each additional family member. Squads fill up quickly, so early arrival is recommended. For more information, call Dan Behnke (734-941-6147) or John Wester (734-467-7012); *please do not call the Recreation Center*, which is in no way affiliated with the Romulus Flyers.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Wick Heritage Day



During Wick's recent Cultural Heritage Day, Aide Pam Boyd worked with kindergartner Matthew Stoian on his "family tree" project. Matthew's family is from Romania.



Among the special guests who came to visit on Heritage Day were teachers (from left) Judith Griffie of Detroit and Sherry Meyers and Marcella Vaughn of Washington, D.C. – all of whom were in Romulus to attend a workshop on exemplary reading and writing.



Students – including Ashley Jensen (left) and Raquel Humphrey (representing members of the Chippewa Nation from teacher Lisa Zeleji's class) – had a chance to visit other classes to see their displays, like this Holland exhibit in Dorothy West's room.

Did You Know?

Initiatives and Recent Developments

Editor's note: The following material about Romulus Community Schools is the second installment of a seven-part series that has been excerpted from a "school district perspectives" outline recently submitted to Standard & Poor for use in its "educational analysis/comparison" Website.

How many of these Romulus Community Schools initiatives and recent developments are you familiar with?

- development and implementation of the district's five-initiative program, which covers the areas of parent involvement, alignment and assessment of curriculum, technology, pre-school programs, and school climate;
- implementation of individualized education plans for sixth- and eighth-graders, as well as an English and technology project for graduating seniors;
- implementation of a four-dimensional tutorial system, including one-on-one reading tutoring, 26 district reteachers, after-school academics, and summer reading instruction;
- collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan to establish two local chapters of the group at Merriman and Wick schools;
- implementation of the \$900,000 "21st Century Grant" to expand after-school enrichment programs;
- implementation – in cooperation with the "Honors Sociology" class at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) – of a successful telementoring project involving the EMU students and students at Romulus Middle School;
- implementation of a summer-school reading partnership with the University of Michigan;
- reduction of class sizes, for students in grades kindergarten through three, to between 17 and 22 students;
- Michigan School Board Association recognition of the district's "parent compact," which resulted in more than 1,000 parents volunteering over 5,000 hours to our schools;
- implementation of a wide variety of summer in-service programs, totaling 23 sessions on 15 different topics such as "technology" and "cooperative and mastery learning";
- ongoing and timely development of projects (including the new athletic facilities at the Middle School, the new elementary school, and the swimming-pool complex at the High School) that will be funded by the \$34-million bond issue passed by voters.

For more information about what Romulus Community Schools has to offer your child, contact Richard Kruse at 734-941-1600, ext. 231. □

RHS – Activities for May–June 2001

In order to keep the families and friends of Romulus High School students informed, Assistant Principal Don Foley has asked that the following calendar of events be published.

- Senior All-night Lock-in (Fri., May 4, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.; field house)
 - National Honor Society induction (Tue., May 8, 7 p.m.; auditorium)
 - Blood Drive – sponsored by students in the school's Health Occupations Department (Fri., May 11, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; field house)
 - Health Fair – sponsored by the Health Occupations Department with support from the Mayor's Drug Task Force (Fri., May 11, and Sat., May 12, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; field house)
 - Awards Night (Wed., May 16, 6 p.m.; auditorium)
 - Spring Band Concert (Tue., May 22, 7 p.m.; auditorium)
 - Senior Final Exams – Hours 4–6 (Thur., May 31; High School)
 - Senior Final Exams – Hours 1–3/ Seniors' Final Day (Fri., June 1; High School)
 - Pre-Prom Reception/Prom Toast (Tue., June 5, 6 p.m.; atrium)
 - Senior Prom (Tue., June 5, 7:30 p.m.; Marriott Hotel)
 - Senior Luncheon (Fri., June 8, 11 a.m.; Gateway International Hotel)
 - Senior Walk (Fri., June 8, 2 p.m.; High School)
 - Commencement* (Sat., June 9, 11 a.m.; field house)
- *Admission to graduation will be by ticket only.*
- All parents and guests must be seated no later than 10:30 a.m. Please arrive early, as seating will not take place when it is disruptive to the quality of the ceremony.*
- A professional photographer will be taking pictures and a videotape of the ceremony will be available for purchase.*
- Call 734-941-2170 for info. □*

Fruit Dishes Make Summer Gatherings Deliciously Simple

By Florine Mark, President and CEO, the WW Group, Inc.

The summer season – always a great time to visit with friends and family – is nearly upon us. Of course, where there's company, there's food, so now is a good time to start planning those warm-weather menus.

Whether we're getting together to barbecue by the lake, in the park, or in my backyard, I always plan dishes which make use of the many fresh fruits that are so readily available in summer. The recipes below are some that I often bring along to our gatherings, and no one can ever get enough of them.

Yogurt-Berry Pie

(makes 12 servings)

- 3 cups whole strawberries
- 2 1/4 cups fresh raspberries
- 1 medium banana
- 1/3 cup thawed, frozen pineapple-juice concentrate
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 1/2 cups plain, nonfat yogurt
- 1/3 cup honey-flavored wheat germ
- 18 honey graham crackers (2 1/2 squares, crushed)
- 1/4 cup reduced-calorie tub margarine, melted
- 1 tablespoon shredded coconut

In food processor, combine strawberries, 1 1/2 cups of the raspberries, and the banana; blend until smooth. Add juice concentrate and honey; pulse until blended. With motor running, slowly add yogurt until combined.

Spoon yogurt mixture into an 11 x 7" baking pan. Cover and freeze 2–3 hours, until almost firm.

Meanwhile, to prepare crust, pre-heat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9" pie pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In medium bowl, combine wheat germ, graham cracker crumbs, and margarine. Press crumb mixture evenly over bottom and up sides of prepared pie pan. Bake 8–10 minutes, until set. Cool completely.

Break partially frozen yogurt mixture into large chunks; place in food processor; blend until smooth. Spoon yogurt into cooled pie shell. Sprinkle with remaining 3/4 cup raspberries and the coconut. Cover and freeze until firm. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

3 Points.

Per serving: 155 Calories, 4 g. Total Fat, 1 g. Saturated Fat, 1 mg. Cholesterol, 128 mg. Sodium, 28 g. Total Carbohydrate, 3 g. Dietary Fiber, 4 g. Protein, 71 mg. Calcium.

Source: *Weight Watchers Magazine: Dessert Classics*

Tropical Mango Soup

(makes 4 servings)

- 1 small mango, pared
- 2 medium carambola (star fruit)
- 1/8 medium pineapple, pared
- 1/2 cup lemon-lime seltzer
- 1/3 cup apricot nectar
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon pineapple extract
- Mint leaves, for garnish (optional)

In food processor, combine mango, carambola, and pineapple; puree until smooth. With motor running, add seltzer, apricot nectar, lime juice, and pineapple extract; process until blended. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour, until well chilled. Serve in frosted mugs; garnish with mint leaves, if desired.

1 Point.

Per serving: 72 Calories, 0 g. Total Fat, 0 g. Saturated Fat, 0 mg. Cholesterol, 4 mg. Sodium, 18 mg. Total Carbohydrate, 2 g. Dietary Fiber, 1 g. Protein, 10 mg. Calcium.

Source: *Weight Watchers Magazine: Dessert Classics*

Watermelon-Cantaloupe Crush

(makes 4 servings)

- 2 cups cubed cantaloupe
- 2 cups cubed seeded watermelon
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 4 ice cubes
- Mint leaves, to garnish

Place all ingredients except ice cubes and mint leaves in blender; blend until smooth. Add ice cubes; blend until thick and smooth. Divide evenly among 4 frosted glasses; garnish with mint leaves.

1 Point.

Per serving: 65 Calories, 1 g. Total Fat, 0 g. Saturated Fat, 0 mg. Cholesterol, 10 mg. Sodium, 16 mg. Total Carbohydrate, 1 g. Dietary Fiber, 1 g. Protein, 16 mg. Calcium.

Source: *Weight Watchers Magazine: Dessert Classics*

Raspberry Fizz

(Makes 6 servings)

- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen raspberries
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2/3 cup pineapple juice
- Two 12-ounce cans diet lemon-lime soda, chilled
- Mint sprigs for garnish

In blender, combine raspberries and orange and pineapple juice; blend until smooth. Strain into pitcher; slowly pour in soda. Stir to combine. Divide evenly among 6 ice-filled glasses; garnish.

1 Point.

Per Serving: 50 Calories, 1 g. Protein, 0 g. Fat, 12 g. Carbohydrate, 14 mg. Calcium, 34 mg. Sodium, 0 mg. Cholesterol, 2 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: *Weight Watchers Magazine: Favorite Homestyle Recipes* □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

AARP Issues "Red Flag" Warning on New Telemarketing Scam

Telemarketing crooks are pressure AARP members to send them money to protect them from other telemarketers!

The AARP's Michigan office has received calls concerning an Arizona firm called Senior Benefit Associates. They call, ask you if you want to avoid receiving calls from telemarketers, and tell you that they provide a service that blocks telemarketing calls or removes your name from telemarketing lists. If you say "yes," they will ask you for a credit-card number. Your card will be billed for anywhere from \$250 to \$500 ... and you will continue to receive calls from other telemarketers!

This is nothing but a scam, says the AARP, which has reported the problem to the Michigan Attorney General.

The AARP urges you to become an informed, wise consumer. If you need more information, contact Irma Swantner, AARP State Coordinator for Consumer Affairs, by phone (313-563-3200) or by e-mail (turtling@dhof.com).

Law Day

Once again, the Romulus Senior Center will be joining students from Romulus High School teacher Rod Hanna's government class to take part in the 34th District Court's annual Law Day program, set for May 11. This year's mock trial – written by attorney Tom White under the watchful eye of Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green – promises to live up to the superior standards of previous years. A light lunch will be served afterward.

Although there is no charge to participate, preregistration (at the Center) is required.

May Luncheon

Although the Romulus Senior Center's next luncheon – set for Thursday, May 10, at 2 p.m. – will be a special tribute to mothers, you don't have to be a mother to attend. Invite a friend to join you for a delicious meal (meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggie roll, dessert, and more) and a chance at one of several door prizes.

Cost is just \$5.50 per person. Sign up at the Center.

Senior Appreciation Picnic

The Senior Center's annual appreciation picnic will be held in the park behind the Center on Friday, May 25, beginning at noon. This year, entertainment will include a variety of table and card games that will allow seniors to pit their skills against the Romulus Middle School leadership students who will be on hand to share the fun. (In case of bad weather, the party will be moved inside.)

Although there is no charge to participate, early registration is required so that there will be plenty of food and prizes for everyone. Sign up at the Center if you would like to attend.

Dance Classes Begin

Since many seniors have been expressing an interest in learning the "hustle" and the "cha-cha-slide," the Romulus Senior Center and instructor "Ms. Wilson" are sponsoring a free dance class on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 11 a.m. The program is a great way to exercise and also a lot of fun! Check with your doctor, then check in at the Center!

Crime Watch

The Romulus Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, Damian Hull, will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces always welcome.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23.

As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) are welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, May 21, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the facilities.

Outside Chore Service

Area young people doing community-service work are available to perform outside chores for local senior citizens.

To make arrangements to receive this service, call the Romulus Senior Center. □

Health Occupations Students Qualify for State Competition



Terri Brinston (back, left) was proud of her students' fine showing at the regional and state HOSA competitions. Participants included (from left): front row – Carrie Spielman, Danylle Malloy, Beth Hotchkiss, and Jennifer Hanna; back row – Bethany Swauger, and Shrita Parker.

Eleven students from the Romulus-Belleville health-occupations program performed so well at the recent HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) competition – held at Henry Ford Community College – that they qualified to advance to the state level.

Finishing first, second, or third in their various categories were:

- Stephanie Council (first place, Administrative Medical Assisting),
- Jennifer Hanna (first place, Interviewing; third, Personal Care Assisting),
- Makeia Cameron (second place, Writing)
- Tasha Clement (second place, Personal Care),
- Nicole Deja (second place, Health Poster),
- Miesha Edwards (second place, Career Health Display),
- LaTeefa Jackson (second place, Speaking),

- Lakishia Smith (second place, Administrative Medical Assisting),
- Shania Stewart (second place, Career Health Display),
- Shrita Parker (third place, Physical Therapy Aide), and
- Ashley Slone (third place, Speaking).

At the state level, two of the 11 local students – Council and Hanna – finished in the top 10 in their category (Administrative Medical Assisting and Personal Care Assisting, respectively).

"Over 1,000 students took part in the state competition, so it was very competitive," said Terri Brinston, who teaches the combined Romulus-Belleville program at Romulus High School. "Just making it to the finals, as Stephanie and Jennifer did, is a real honor."

Brinston, who was the site chairman for the regional competition, spent more than 100 hours organizing the event. □

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REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 9, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 9, 2001, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Michael D. Woods.

Roll call showed members Michael Woods, Kenneth Berlinn, Eva Webb, Alan Lambert, Betty Lenossi, and Billy McCraight present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Woods.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4/01/01 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

4/01/02 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the Board approve the Minutes of March 12, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Member Debbie Dick entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**Personnel Actions**

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

LAYOFF: Cari Thurkow, Social Studies, Middle School, Effective June 15, 2001.

4/01/03 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, that the teacher listed be laid off for the 2001-2002 school year and that her teaching contract not be renewed after June 15, 2001. It is further resolved that the records show that the reason for this action is as follows: Result of a Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School returning from a Child-care Leave for the 2001-2002 school year. Be it further resolved that the Board of Education direct the Secretary of the Board to send a letter to the individual listed below, officially notifying her that her teaching contract will not be renewed at the end of the 200-2001 school year, and that she will be laid off as teacher in the Romulus Community Schools.

| Name | Seniority Date |
|--------------|----------------|
| Cari Thurkow | 7-10-00 |

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT: Carole Mason, Media Tech, Cory Elementary, Effective April 5, 2001; Rickey Hadyniak, Motor Vehicle Repairman "A", Transportation, Effective April 17, 2001.

4/01/04 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board approve the employment of Carole Mason and Rickey Hadyniak as offered by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT: Sharon Silveri, Halecreek Elementary School Principal for the 2001-2002 School Year, Effective April 23, 2001.

4/01/05 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn to accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, that Sharon Silveri be appointed Halecreek Elementary School Principal for Romulus Community Schools as per the RASA contract effective April 23, 2001. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Belinda Dendrinis, Special Education Teacher, Middle School, Effective March 26, 2001.

4/01/06 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert that the Board accept the resignation of Belinda Dendrinis. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

4/01/07 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Finance. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Technology Report

4/01/08 Moved by McCraight supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the technology report as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Disposal of Technology

4/01/09 Moved by Dick supported by McCraight that the Board of Education declare 135 computers surplus. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Barton Malow

4/01/10 Moved by McCraight supported by Lambert that the Board of Education accept recommendation of the Finance Committee, Barton Malow, and the Administration to award the bid and contractors for roofs and drywall as outlined.

Bid Category

07500 - Roofing
09250 - Metal Studs, Drywall, Acoustical

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

4/01/11 Moved by McCraight supported by Lenossi to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Barton Malow, and the Administration to award the bid and contractors for cabling and equipment, video systems, and server/workstation configuration as outlined.

Bid Category

17000-1 - Cabling and Equipment
17000-2 - Video Systems
17000-3 - Server/Workstation Config.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction Update

The Board was provided with a Construction Manager's Report from Barton Malow Design/Construction Services and Kingscott/Architecture Engineering, Interior Design, dated April 2001.

Community Adult Education & Alternative Education Report

William Musham, Adult Education; Shannon Spieser; and Alan Wilkerson, Alternative Education, presented the Board of Education with an update on the Community Adult Education and Alternative Education Program.

Voting Delegate Designation - WCASB

4/01/12 Moved by Berlinn supported by Dick that the Board of Education designate Kenneth E. Berlinn to be the voting delegate for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency for the Board Member election. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

4/01/13 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the High School administration for the Marketing Class Trip to Chicago. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

4/01/14 Moved by Dick supported by Lambert to adopt a resolution commending Mr. Mark Fernandez and the Romulus Middle School bands for outstanding performance at the MSBOA District 12 Band Festival held Saturday, March 17, 2001. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications or expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Communication from Rep. Ray Basham re: NCA Endorsement; 2) Aviation Tech Program Article; 3) A New Fan's Guide to Romulus Lacrosse; 4) Kelly Cawthorne Report; 5) The Wingspan; 6) Romulus & Van Buren Adult and Community Education Newsletter; 7) Romulus Middle School April Newsletter; 8) Barth Elementary Newsletter; 9) Halecreek Elementary April Newsletter; 10) Communication - Tom Gibb-Randall; 11) Communication - RESA - Science; 12) Communication - Kimberly Usztics; 13) The Merriman Star Newsletter; 14) Cory Elementary - Overnight Howell Recreational Center; 15) Wayne County Spring Workshop; and 16) Michigan High School Athletic Association.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Betty Lenossi expressed appreciation of the Lacrosse Guide and questioned as to when vacancy at Burton - Custodial would be filled. Debbie Dick congratulated Mrs. Florence Satterlee's class for qualifying for National BOEC competition. Lengthy discussion was held with regard to all-day kindergarten versus half-day kindergarten.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Eliminated.

ADJOURNMENT:

4/01/15 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva W. Webb, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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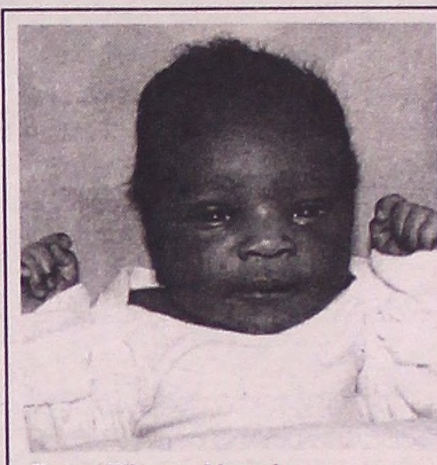
Peter Fikayo Akande

Feyisayo and Margaret Akande of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Peter Fikayo Akande.

Peter was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 4:04 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2001, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was his big brother, Paul Feyisayo Akande, who is 5 1/2 years old.

Peter's paternal grandparents are Pa and Ma Akande (Ibadan, Oyo, Nigeria). Pa and Ma Rojaiye (Ibadan, Oyo, Nigeria) are his maternal grandparents.



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Obituaries

Alfred M. Boatright

Alfred M. Boatright of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, April 20, 2001. He was 61 years old.

A native of Polly, Kentucky, Alfred was born on June 15, 1939.

Surviving Alfred are his wife, Vina Boatright; two sons, Rick (Shelly) Boatright (Redford, MI) and Rex (Jennifer) Boatright (Romulus); one daughter, Kathy (Roger) Burcroff (Canton, MI); and his father, Floyd Boatright (West-

land, MI). Among those predeceasing him was his sister Mavis.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 24, at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus), with the Reverend William Kren officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the CUMC Vision 2000 Building Fund.

Irene E. Kilanski

Irene E. Kilanski of Van Buren Township, Michigan, died Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at the age of 76.

A native of Romulus, Michigan, Irene was born February 7, 1925, and graduated from Romulus High School in 1942. She and husband Julius Kilanski were married on September 15, 1945, in St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI). From 1942 to 1946, Irene worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant; later, from 1957 to 1997, she owned and operated Kilanski Greenhouses.

Surviving Irene are her husband; one son, Walter (Joyce) Kilanski (Van Buren Twp.); one sister, Midge (Bob) Lado (Las Vegas, NV); and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 27, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, with Father Festus (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

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